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SATURDAY, JULY 25, 1896.

HENRY J. JANIS - Editor.

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For President, WILLIAM J. BRYAN OF NEBRASKA.

For Vice-President, ARTHUR SEWALL OF MAINE.

DEMOCRATIC COUNTY TICKET.

For Representative, JOHN B. CALDWELL. For Sheriff, THOMAS B. STRAUGHAN.

For Constable-Union Township, FRANCES DRURY. For Justice of the Peace-Bonanza Township, F. J. RIGDON.

DEMOCRATIC CONVENTION

The delegates to the County Convention heretofore appointed by the several precincts are hereby called to meet at NEW OFFENBURG on

SATURDAY, JULY 25th, 1896,

for the purpose of appointing two delegates and two alternates to the State Convention to be held at Jefferson City on the 5th day of August and two delegates and two alternates to the Judicial Convention to be held in St. Louis on the 15th day of August.

The Democratic voters at Oak Grove, Copper Mines and Concord are requested to meet on Saturday, July 18th, at 1 o'clock P. M. for the purpose of selecting two delegates from each precinct to said County Convention.

WM. F. COX, HENRY J. JANIS, CHAIRMAN, Secretary.

CONGRESSIONAL CONVENTION.

A Convention to nominate a Democratic candidate for Congress from the 13th Congressional District of Missouri is hereby called to meet at Salem, Mo., on Wednesday, August 12, 1896.

Each county shall be entitled to one delegate for every 250 votes, or a fraction of 125 thereof, cast for Cleveland for President in 1892.

By order of the Committee, J. C. CARTY, Sec'y. Committee.

COMING CONVENTIONS.

Democratic Convention-13th district-Salem, August 12. Democratic State Convention, Jefferson City, August 5.

Democratic Convention at New Offenburg today.

Postage stamps to the number of \$90,380,000 are annually used by the people of the United States.

The Democrats of Jefferson county have instructed their delegates to the Judicial Convention to vote for Judge Green for Judge of the Court of Appeals.

According to present indications, the number of democratic clubs which will take part in this year's campaign will largely exceed that of any previous campaign. In one day, last week, sixty applications for charters for new clubs were received at the headquarters of the National Association of Democratic Clubs.

A farmer in an Oregon exchange says: "Every year I hear of caterpillars destroying whole orchards and there is nothing that can be disposed of more easily. I bore a hole in the tree deep enough to reach the sap, fill it with sulphur and then plug it.

The result is magical. Sap takes the sulphur to every branch and twig, and the caterpillars at once die. I gather the insects up by the pint under the trees that have been infested with them before I knew it, and destroyed them. I have never known this remedy to fail, and I have pursued this course for years."

The meanest man on earth has been found in the north part of the State, says the Chester Clarion. He makes fun of his wife's love for house plants, and often grumbles over the extra care and expense of keeping them from freezing over winter. The other day he surprised her by bringing home and presenting her with what he called a Chinese cactus. It was in reality a dead rat, which the man had planted head down in a flower pot. The tail of the rat alone appeared above the earth, and was carefully trained to a wooden support. She placed it in a sunny nook and carefully watered it and watched it, but nary a bud appeared. The fun commenced when the lady undertook to transplant the cactus to another pot.

Senator Faulkner of West Virginia, chairman of the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee, believes that the democrats can capture the House this year and is determined that it shall not be the fault of the committee if they do not. He says: "The province of this committee will be to aid the election of any candidate for Congress upon the regular democratic ticket. We have nothing whatever to do with the nominations for Congress, and will take no part in the contests for them. After the candidates are selected, however, it will be our business, and we will see to it that all the aid possible is given for the election of those candidates. We will take it for granted that the democrats of each district know what they are about, and we will not question their selection. It will make no difference to us what the platform may be upon which the candidates are selected."

The war between the different Democratic Congressional candidates in this district goes merrily on. Township conventions were held in Madison county last Saturday and delegates were selected to the county convention, equally divided between Robb, Carter and Cape. An active canvass had been made in the county by these three gentlemen and also W. S. Anthony. The proceedings at last took the shape of the field against Anthony who was badly beaten at the township meetings. When the convention meets at Salem next month none of the candidates will have sufficient votes to nominate on the first ballot and already there is talk of a "dark horse." We are opposed to an outsider securing the nomination. When a man enters a race of this kind he is obliged to spend time and money and should not be laid on the shelf for some one else who has not moved a finger to secure the nomination. Let the convention, if possible, nominate a man who has presented his claims to the people and who has not been afraid to speak out on the political questions of the day. The fight between Abbott, Carter and Anthony has been very bitter, judging from the tone of several letters published in the Madison and St. Francois county papers. Mr. Robb has kept clear of this war and no doubt his action in doing so will work to his advantage when the convention meets.

The failure of Hon R. P. Bland to secure the nomination for President at Chicago was a great disappointment to his friends, not only in Missouri but in other states, and the Democrats throughout Missouri have been urging "Silver Dick" to accept the nomination for Governor. Lon V. Stephens, the leading candidate, and who now has almost enough instructed delegates to insure his nomination on the first ballot paid a personal visit to Mr. Bland last week and offered to turn over his delegates to him if Mr.

Bland would signify his willingness to accept the nomination. This he refused to do saying he would rather go to Congress and continue the work for free silver than be Governor of Missouri. Not content with this statement the advocates of Mr. Bland will continue to push him forward and several counties instructed their candidates to vote for him. But notwithstanding all this pressure Mr. Bland still refuses to be a candidate and in a telegram to Hugh J. Brady of St. Louis, Chairman of the Democratic City Central Committee dated July 17, he says: "No one is authorized to use my name for Governor as stated over and over again. I would not accept the nomination. I am not in the habit of lying about an important matter like this. If the convention should nominate me over my protest, it would have its work to do over again. I would not accept it."

It is never safe to say things to the egghead, unskipped men one sees and meets fishing by some mud pond or stream. This truth is illustrated by the case of Daniel Webster. Webster was a fisherman and had sloop and a smack in which he used to enjoy the pastime. He was not overfastidious in his fisherman's dress. He wore his clothes he did not take the trouble to have the rent sewed up and when enjoying his sport he was a tolerably rough-looking customer, according to a Rochester paper, whose reporter interviewed Mrs. Daves, a resident of Marshfield in Webster's days.

Webster and Mrs. Daves' made were fishing one day from the shore of the bay, when a still-young fellow, a visitor at Marshfield, tumbled head over heels into the marsh. The tumbler rolled at Webster asking how much he would take to haul him out and carry him over the mud.

"A quarter?" answered Webster, and the deal was done. Whereupon the quarter was turned over and Webster had turned away when the mud tumbler asked: "To whom am I indebted?" "Only Daniel Webster."

The man said afterward that he apologized for his superciliousness and did not reckon up other people according to the number of tears and patches and mud on their clothes.

SALARIES OF RULERS. The King of Bavaria receives \$1,412,000.

The King of Saxony has a salary of \$750,000 a year. The King of Italy receives \$2,858,000 as salary and \$150,000 for his family.

The President of the United States gets \$50,000 per annum, house rent and expenses thereon.

The King of Spain receives \$1,400,000 a year and \$600,000 for expenses, making a total of \$2,000,000.

The Emperor of Austria manages to make both ends meet with an annual allowance of \$3,875,000.

His Majesty, of Portugal, in consideration of the size of the kingdom, contents himself with \$631,416 a year.

The King of Greece has a salary of \$200,000 a year and receives \$60,000 besides.

The annual salary of the Queen of England is \$1,925,000. The Prince of Wales gets \$200,000; rest of royal family the same.

The Czar of Russia receives no salary. His income arises from 1,600,000 square miles of land which he inherits with the crown. His average income is a trifle more than \$33,000 a day.

Queen Victoria is very superstitious and one of her little freaks is to wear three rings which she has never removed—her wedding ring, a little emerald ring with a small diamond center, which the prince consort gave her when she was only 15 years old, and her engagement ring, which is in the form of a serpent of emeralds. She wears also a bracelet from which is suspended I dare not say how many little lockets. How many grandchildren and great-grandchildren has she? Well, the number is the number of lockets, and the lockets keep increasing.

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Only one man, it is said, ever declined a vice-presidential nomination—namely, Benjamin Fitzgerald of Alabama, who was originally named on the straight-out-Democratic ticket with Stephen A. Douglas at the Charleston convention in 1860, and refused to accept, whereupon Herschel V. Johnson was substituted by the national committee. Mr. Johnson's son is a lawyer in Savannah and was a delegate to the St. Louis convention.

Miss Margot Hobart is the niece of Candidate Hobart. Miss Hobart is a member of a dramatic company when she can secure an engagement and an artist's model in the interim. She posed for pictures used to decorate the wall of Castle Square Theater, Boston. Miss Hobart is said to be a very properly behaved young lady.

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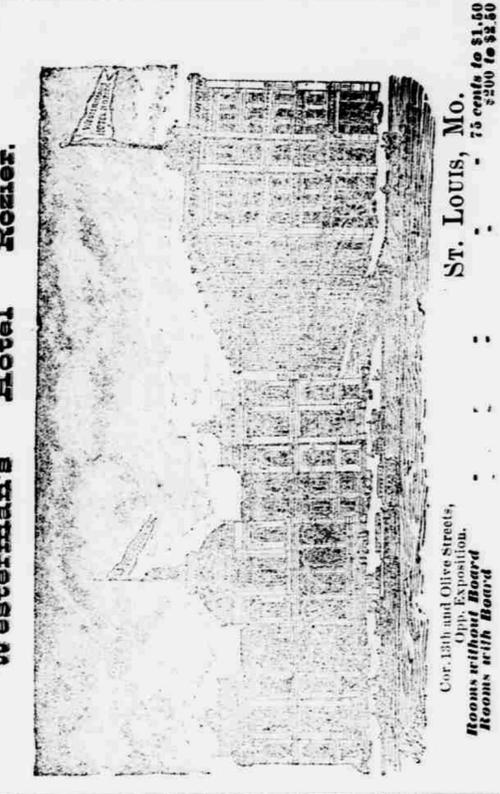
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